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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:	Michael Austin
Application No.:	09/966686
Filed:	October 1, 2001
For:	A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTRACTING, LOADING OR CRIMPING SELF-EXPANDING AND BALLOON EXPANDABLE STENT DEVICES
Examiner:	Marc Jimenez
Group Art Unit:	3726

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Docket No: S632N-10142-US

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a two month extension of time to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 02, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed November 20, 2002. The petition fee of \$400.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,
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